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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Secretary-Treasurer, California State Federation of Labor

In the spirit of a common humanity, the California State Federation of Labor is happy to extend Season's Greetings to its thousands of friends both within and without the ranks of organized labor.

Each year at this time, we are especially reminded of our obligations to tolerance, charity, and truth. This season has a direct significance for the labor movement, which was founded to achieve proper recognition of the dignity of man, a dignity which has so often been denied in the material progress of a commercial civilization.

Once again this holy season finds America at war with the armed forces of Communist imperialism

on the Korean peninsula.

Not only has the war taken its inevitable toll in life and limb, but it has also altered the entire character of our national economy. American labor has accepted the burden of the Korean struggle as the price of liberty. Any appeasement of Communist aggression now would necessarily mean a far more terrible and devastating war for survival at a later time and place chosen by the enemy.

Devotion to American survival, however, also encompasses an intelligent, virile defense of the labor and consumer public. This devotion requires that we resist the tycoon who has fixed his eye on the profits of war to the detriment of labor and nation alike.

Once more we are obliged to remind that free labor repudiates the tragedy of frozen wages and climbing prices.

The whole concept of a democratic war effort is founded upon equality of sacrifice and equality of civilian effort. Thus, American labor is entitled to voice and vote in the direction of the mobilization program.

Here on the California front, the economic and political challenges of the times must find our forces united and aroused.

The year 1952 will present critical challenges on both the state and federal legislative scenes. More than ever before we must impress upon our membership the necessity of exercising their voting privilege.

A successful political approach will necessitate an intense educational plan on every level of labor activity. It is only through an everlasting campaign of education that we can hope to survive in the political wars that have been thrust upon us.

Since the very existence of our trade union structure is in jeopardy, we must enter this theater of action with the same spirit and discipline that the American Federation of Labor has always evidenced in the zones of economic action.

Our AFL membership in California is above the one million mark. The proper impact of our men and women upon the political life of this state could be the determining factor in shaping good government for all the people.

Let us trust that next Christmas will reveal the cause of the common people of California strengthened and improved by the healthy political action of wage earners in every county of the state.

Meanwhile, the California State Federation of Labor is pleased to call out a message of seasonal joy to all men of good will.

May we all know a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous, productive New Year.

Labor Council Cancels Meet This Friday

Because of the holidays, the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas has voted to cancel its regularly scheduled meeting this Friday night, according to Secretary A. J. Clark. Next meeting will be first for 1952, on Jan. 4.

Business at last Friday night's council session also included action to renew affiliation with the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, with which the labor council has been affiliated for several years, Clark said.

Council business at the previous meeting included:

Report by Barbers Union 827 that an increase in volume of business is necessary if barbers are to forego increase in price of haircuts to \$1.50.

Report by Carpenters Union 925 that 41 apprentices are now in training to become carpenters, unemployment continues heavier than usual, but 15 carpenters were called to a rush job at Newberry's earlier this month.

Report by Electrical Workers Union 243 of negotiations for a new contract and wage scale covering the neon sign industry.

Report by Engineers Union 39 that Business Agent R. A. Christiansen is busy with contract negotiations.

Report by Fred Clayson, of Teachers Union 1020, that his new job as secretary of the California State Federation of Teachers entails "lots of paper work and no glory!"

Letters were ordered written by the council to the Prudential Insurance Co., urging a contract be signed covering agents, and also to state insurance commission, urging action to protect families covered by Prudential policies where union people refuse to go through picket lines to make payments.

Carpenters 925 Use Broadcasts In Yule Message

For the third straight year, Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas used broadcasts over a local radio station last week to convey Christmas greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year to members and friends.

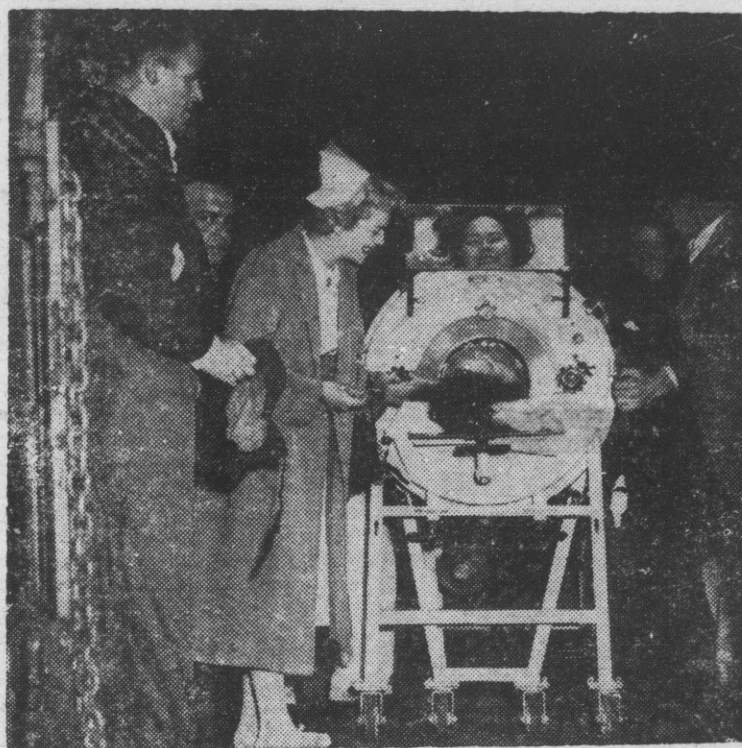
The messages were directed to "contractors, union members and the public," according to union Business Agent Harvey Baldwin, who added that the union had received widespread commendation for use of the radio in its holiday wishes.

Mont. Laborers Add Office Girl

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey, which has had difficulties for some time in retaining business agents, has engaged Mrs. Pauline Glenn as office secretary to help in straightening out books and other affairs.

"Lefty" Jenkins, new business agent, is directing the union's activities at present. Mrs. Glenn will keep regular office hours for the union on a temporary basis, it was announced. Mrs. Glenn worked as office secretary for the Barbers Union 827 during a vacation period.

Plan Now for End of Defense Boom—Full Jobs and Wages



HAPPY HOMECOMING.—Members of Local 162, AFL Teamsters, in Portland, Ore., were on hand to help when Mrs. Darrell Jones, wife of a member, was taken home from 13 months in the hospital as an iron lung polio patient. The union's health and welfare fund paid \$3,000 for the care of her and a daughter, Barbara, 12, also a polio victim. The local also donated an iron lung to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is taking care of the rest of the treatment costs. (LPA)

BARBERS 827 SEAT OFFICERS ON JANUARY 15

Election of officers of Salinas Barbers Union 827 was completed last week and installation of the union's new slate of leaders was scheduled for the meeting of Tuesday night, January 15, at Salinas Labor Temple, according to Secretary Jimmie Butler.

A new president was named, Jim Foster, to succeed retiring President Louis Conine. Officers for 1952 are:

President—Jim Foster.
Vice President—Nate Freeman.
Secretary-Treasurer—Jimmie Butler.
Recorder—Doss Hill.
Guide—Paul Moore.
Guardian—Guy Falvo.

Thomas Jefferson was elected president of the United States by only a single electoral vote.



PRICES GOING HIGHER—That is what Price Stabilizer DiSalle, above, told the National Assn. of Manufacturers, as if they didn't know. Congress gave them an engraved invitation to boost prices in the new price law.

Carpenters Win Contract With Insulation Firm

Efforts of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 to win a contract with the H. L. Priddy Co., insulation firm of the Salinas area, were successful late last week as the firm signed the agreement, had two regular employees join Local 925, and called for two more union men.

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925, said his union had reached an accord also with another insulation firm, Artistic Builders.

Secretary Alfred J. Clark of the Central Labor Council of Monterey County, located in Salinas, said the council already has acted to remove the H. L. Priddy Co. from the official AFL "We Don't Patronize" list in the Salinas area. The council had been assisting Local 925 in its contract effort.

WEATHER HURTS SALINAS LABOR

Stormy weather and wet ground has caused a severe slowdown in construction, particularly on sewer projects, for members of Salinas Laborers Union 272, according to a report by Business Agent Bill Empe.

Jobs hit hardest include the P.G. & E. pipeline, headed by Contractor Alex Robertson; the Beeson-Taylor sewer project at Salinas, and the excavation by Granite Construction Co. for gasoline storage tanks at Moss Landing for Texas Oil Co. Granite also is starting grading and foundation work for the Temo project, Empe said. New work includes start of cement pouring for the new rock

Washington (LPA). — During 1952 the American people, and particularly labor, must prepare for "V-P Day," the day of victory for peace, Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, declares in the December issue of the American Federationist, official magazine of the AFL.

"A calamitous deflation and depression will be difficult to avert unless we provide, well in advance, the necessary means to sustain full employment and the full flow of purchasing power when defense spending stops," he writes. "It will profit us little to win—by preventing aggression on the military front—if our unpreparedness for peace leads us to a defeat on the economic front."

It is imperative, Shishkin points out, to make every possible provision, consistent with the defense effort, to prevent deterioration in "the rate of growth and standards of welfare we have attained. Acute housing shortages must be wiped out. Social security standards must be raised to remedy the most glaring shortcomings of our system and to overcome the deterioration in standards resulting from deflation. A national health program to eliminate the greatest economic hazard confronting the great majority of Americans must be made a reality.

"These and other kinds of action to strengthen our economy are just as indispensable as military preparedness. They are the first line of defense against communist aggression. They are also the first line of defense against upheaval on the day when defense preparations are completed and the threat of war is averted."

EQUAL SACRIFICE

First and all-important part of the decision the people will have to make in 1952, Shishkin says, is to carry on the defense program and to accept the costs, hardships and sacrifices it entails. But they must make sure that these are equitably distributed. "People with small incomes and the average worker should not be expected to bear the brunt of economic dislocations. The worker will keep his belt tight if the country's needs require that he does. But there should be no room for luxury housing when a worker's family cannot get a decent place to live and scarcities prevent it from buying essentials of living."

MUST KEEP CONTROLS

Keeping inflation in check is a closely related part of the decision listed by Shishkin in urging policies to prevent unnecessary business expansion, a speculative rise in commodity prices and real estate and increases in food prices.

"It should be remembered," he stresses, "that one of the most deadly aims of communism is to destroy our economic system. The temptation to let go of all irksome controls will be very great. Especially heavy will be the pressure to let go in the first half of 1952. For the full brunt of inflationary pressure from increased defense and military expenditures will not be felt until the second half, when the funds previously authorized and appropriated for defense will attain full flow in the form of actual payments."

crusher for the Permanente Cement Co. plant at Natividad. J. J. O'Connell, international representative for Laborers, was in Salinas last week on jurisdiction matters at the Stone & Webster project, Empe added.

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ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: Brother Irvin Duncan, president of Local 912, who is employed at the D'Arrigo Shed, Castroville, will go to work as a business agent for 912 effective January 1. He will serve members employed at the following sheds: Associated Produce, Monterey Bay Packing, Tri-County and D'Arrigo Company.

A new meeting hall has been established known as "The Landing" in Castroville. We shall meet upstairs the first Monday of every month, also all special meetings will be held there. Perhaps in the near future an office will be established in the same hall with a telephone.

Negotiations continue with Associated Produce and Monterey Bay Packing Company. On Thursday, Dec. 20, a meeting was held and the following committee was present: Gertrude Pirtle, Charles Jaurique, Albert Giurati, Glen Wilkerson and Peter Andrade. A future meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 27 at 3 p.m. Following that, a special meeting will be called for all members employed at Associated Produce and Monterey Bay Packing Company regarding your first contract.

Any member who may have some news they would like to appear in this column, please give it to Irvin Duncan, your Shop Steward or telephone Salinas 5743. We would like to have a "Bit o' News" column appearing here every week.

BUY UNION—GO LABEL. Pay your dues on or before the first of every month and stay in good standing at all times. Be sure to notify the office of any change in address.

U. of Wisconsin School for Workers Graduates 300

Madison, Wis. (LPA)—Three hundred students, interested in specific answers to problems they meet on the job and in union work, were graduated in December from the University of Wisconsin School for Workers.

In the group were officers of large and small unions, as well as rank and file bridge workers, iron welders, auto workers, government employees, telegraphers, and others who just wanted "to find out more" about their unions and the labor movement.

The classes were held in vocational schools in West Bend, Wausau, Marinette, Milwaukee and Madison. The studies included union administration, labor legislation, and labor history. Discussions centered on such problems as union operation under the Taft-Hartley Act and getting the interest of members.

The program, which now reaches some 1,000 workers each year, was started in 1949. There have been more requests for classes than the U. W.'s School for Workers could fill. New classes, moving from city to city, open in the spring, fall, and winter. The university's purpose in holding the sessions, according to U. W. Pres. E. B. Fred, is based on the premise that "healthy labor-management relations depend on an educated union membership and an educated leadership."

CHECKS TO VETS
Detroit (LPA).—To Korea, Japan and the islands of the Pacific, Germany and other European countries where American forces are stationed, as well as camps in the U. S., went checks for \$5 each to 300 Auto Workers of Chrysler Local 7 now in service. Fellow members back home took up Yule collection.

Are you a registered voter?

State to Reduce Sardine Slaughter

Fort Bragg (Mendocino County)—Request of more than a dozen California sardine processors to reduce anchovies, herring, or sauries into commercial oils and meals was turned down by State Fish and Game Commissioners at their December meeting in Fort Bragg.

Processors asked that 20 per cent of their present sardine reduction allotment be used for other species. Twenty per cent of the standard 1951-52 sardine reduction quota would amount to 309 tons for each of more than 100 permit holders.

The Commission acted after considering a strongly-worded statement from the Dept. of Fish and Game which warned that the population of anchovies in California waters is not large enough to support the proposed reduction industry in addition to present bait and canning industries.

"Anchovies are one of the most important foods for such valuable fish as salmon, albacore, mackerel, barracuda, yellowtail, kelp bass, halibut, and other species," it was asserted. "The effect of a large-scale reduction operation might well spell disaster to the fishery."

The Bureau of Marine Fisheries stated that herring serve as food for salmon, rockfish, and other commercial and game species, and their importance has increased because of scarcity of sardines. Small quantities have been canned in recent years, and this type of utilization should be encouraged, according to the Bureau, while the outright reduction of herring should not.

No fishery has developed for the saury, it was claimed, and it is doubtful if they could be caught in worthwhile quantities with gear now used.

CIVIL RIGHTS MEASURES LAG

The civil rights record of Congress is as bad as its record on price controls.

The matter of civil rights is in the news again. President Truman has appointed a committee to see to it that Federal Government contractors don't pass over job applicants because of racial or religious discrimination.

The new committee has little enforcement power. It isn't nearly as effective as the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC) of World War II.

POOR RECORD
The record of the 1951 Congress on civil rights adds up to a great big zero:

Congress did nothing about setting up a permanent FEPC to prevent discrimination in the hiring of members of minority groups.

Congress took no action on anti-poll-tax bills. Five states—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia and Texas—still require the payment of a tax to gain eligibility to vote.

ANTI-LYNCH BILLS DEAD
Congress failed to take up anti-lynching bills. Such measures would prevent mobs from killing members of minorities.

To get civil rights laws, trade unionists must vote for liberal candidates for the Senate and the House in the 1952 elections.

Meantime, Sen. Willis Robertson (D., Va.) predicted Dec. 9 that Congress would reject President Truman's proposals to enact civil rights legislation.

"Practical politicians," Robertson said, "inclined to hitch their wagon to a star, do not want to hitch it to a falling star."

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Washington (LPA).—The Salary Stabilization Board ruled Nov. 7 that foremen can be paid for extra work to restore the "historical differentials" between the pay of foremen and the employees they supervise.

The board said these differentials are being broken down by overtime earnings of non-supervisory employees. Foremen usually do not get paid for overtime work. However, the board said extra pay to foremen cannot exceed straight time rates, unless an employer had a premium pay plan in effect prior to Jan. 25, 1951. Such a plan can be continued, the board ruled.

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REAL WINNER — Betty Ann McCall, 13, daughter of John F. McCall, an organizer for Minnesota Federation of Labor and president of the State Building Trades Council, never settles for anything but first place when she plays her accordion in music contests. In 1949 she took top honors in a contest in Stockholm, Sweden. In 1950 and 1951 she placed first in her class at the Chicago Music Festival and has taken numerous honors in Minneapolis. (LPA)

CHORUS GIRLS AT PARTY

St. Louis (LPA).—An installation party, complete with five vaudeville acts, a master of ceremonies and chorus girls, in the huge convention hall will mark the swearing in of more than 200 officers of District 9, Intl. Assn. of Machinists, and local lodges Jan. 12.

Register to Vote!

Here Are Good Safety Bulletins

State Division of Industrial Safety publications are available at no charge to those interested in accident prevention in industry. They are yours for the asking.

How Much Money Is Slipping Through Your Fingers? Bulletin 102 deals particularly with safety in the small plant, but is of course valuable for large plants also.

Safe Handling of LP-Gas: Bulletin 103 gives the use and characteristics of LP-Gas, and the rules and standards that govern safe handling.

Ground It! Bulletin 104 explains the necessity and wisdom of grounding electrical hand tools, and contains a sketch of proper connections for an electrical hand drill.

Shoring of Trenches: Bulletin 105 gives safety measures that would eliminate cave-in accidents and injuries, and sketches of shoring and bracing required for different types of ground.

Ladders on the Farm: Bulletin 106 gives ladder pointers which, if followed, will reduce the high rate of disabling injuries caused by poor farm ladders and improper use of sound ladders.

The Ship-Shape Shop: Bulletin 107 shows how good housekeeping and maintenance in industry will save lives, save limbs, and save money.

Taming the Circular Saw: Bulletin 108 deals with the most useful and at the same time the most dangerous of woodworking tools.

Tips for Hotel Workers: Bulletin 110 shows that hotel worker accidents are easily prevented if a few simple tips are followed.

Farm Safety Check List: Bulletin 111 is a safety guide for everyone on the farm.

Lifting Can Be a Lead Pipe Cinch: Bulletin 112 stresses the 10 lifting commandments that all persons should observe.

The Label Must Tell the Story: Bulletin 113 deals with the first line of protection in the control of hazardous substances—proper labeling.

Safe Transportation of Workers: Bulletin 114 covers the types of vehicles permitted for carrying workers to and from work, and gives methods of equipping the vehicles for safe transportation.

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EDITORIALS

Byrd and Social Security

The people of Virginia can tell Sen. Harry Byrd (D., Va.) why the Federal Government must do so many things.

Byrd wants to abolish all New Deal and Fair Deal laws. He says the people can get along better without them.

But what do the people of Virginia think?

On Nov. 29 the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council recommended to the Governor and the General Assembly that State and local Government employees, including teachers, be covered by social security.

State and local government workers in Virginia now are covered by a state retirement system. But it's not a very good setup.

If these workers contribute to the Federal social security system, they can get better old-age pensions at less cost than under the present state retirement program.

State and local Government workers in Virginia are turning to the Federal Government for help because the State Government hasn't given them decent old-age pensions.

So it is with other Federal programs like the wage-hour act, insurance of bank deposits, public housing and farm-price supports.

Taft's Hidden Funds

Part of Sen. Robert Taft's campaign funds last year were hidden in a safe deposit box.

Just how much was secreted away in this manner may never be known.

Taft's campaign treasurer, Ben Tate of Cincinnati, told the Senate elections subcommittee Nov. 30 that he kept some campaign funds in his personal safe deposit box.

The subcommittee is investigating the 1950 re-election of Taft in Ohio.

Tate admitted he kept no records on how much Taft money was hidden in the box. But Tate told the group that he failed to report to the proper authorities \$137,000 he raised for Taft's campaign.

Why?

Last summer, Jon Jonkel was fined \$5,000 for violating the Maryland election laws because he failed to report \$27,100 in contributions to Sen. John Marshall Butler's (R., Md.) campaign.

Tate testified he destroyed correspondence regarding campaign funds although he knew the Senate was going to investigate Taft's election.

Why?

Prices Still Climbing

Big business interests are launching a new drive for abrogation of all price controls on the theory that inflationary pressures are diminishing.

Actually, inflation is bound to grow more acute before any relief can be expected. Consider these facts:

Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson has announced that civil production will be pinched back sharply in the immediate future. Materials and machinery will be needed for defense output, now that the tooling-up process is nearing completion.

That means severe contraction in the supply of "hard goods" for consumers at a time when both demand and purchasing power are at peak levels. In other words, further inflationary pressure.

A glance at the financial news provides additional corroborative evidence. "New Highs Are Set in Wheat Prices," says one headline. "Prices of Cotton Higher Last Week," reads another. Thus, commodity prices also are heading upward.

And the cost of living? The latest Bureau of Labor Statistics figures show consumer price at an all-time high.

Of course, Price Stabilizer DiSalle says some items are selling far below price ceilings. But that's because the ceilings were set unrealistically high in the first place.

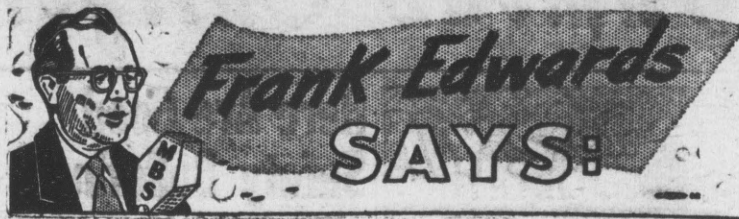
The facts and the portents make it clear that in the year ahead, at least, America will need tougher price control, not weaker. Congress should act accordingly.

What You Can Do

Congress listened to the lobbies working against you because reactionaries are running the Senate and House.

If trade unionists get out and vote in 1952, liberals will be in control of Congress. And liberals won't do what the big lobbyists try to tell them to do.

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Who Gets the Money?

The Census Bureau has just released a survey showing the unequal distribution of incomes in this country. In 1949, about half of the entire income went to about 20 percent of the population. The 20 percent at the other end of the scale got only 3 percent of the income. Putting it another way, 60 percent of the people existed on 29 percent of the money. Yet Congress dumps the major share of the tax burden on that lower income group year after year.

Only One Way To Do It . . .

Mrs. Edna M. Berger of Doylestown, Pa., writes: "If prices of food and the bare necessities of life continue to rise, what on earth are we going to do?"

Reply to Mrs. Berger and everyone interested in lower prices: The congressional majority which passed the lopsided control laws was elected because many voters did not bother to vote. You can correct this state of affairs next November if you register and vote. The high prices of today are the direct result of the low registration last year. The Handout Congress was elected by those who did not vote.

Bob Taft and the Tin Box . . .

Did your newspaper tell you about the tin box that helped put Robert Taft in the Senate? Ben Tate, who handled Taft's finances for the 1950 campaign, admitted to a congressional committee that he kept large sums of money in a safe deposit box. He dipped into the box whenever he needed money and he said he kept no records of these funds and did not report them as campaign contributions. This is all part of the huge slush fund that bought Taft his Senate seat. Did I hear someone call him "Cash-Box Bob"?

Somebody Pays for the Mink . . .

William Ruffin, retiring president of the National Association of Manufacturers, says that mink coats in government were put there by businessmen. Ruffin reminds us that for every influence peddler, there must be a businessman willing to buy that influence . . . For every corrupt official, there must be a businessman to pay for the corruption. Coming from the head of the NAM, that is not only timely, but surprising.

JOKES, Etc.

A grizzled old banker in a rural town was being interviewed on his successful career.

"How did you get started in the banking business?" he was asked.

"Twas simple," he replied. "I put up a sign sayin' 'Bank.' A feller came in an' gave me \$100. Another came by with \$200.

"An' sir, by that time my confidence had reached such a point that I put in \$50 of my own money."

When the white men came to this country, the Indians were running it. There were no taxes. There was no debt. The women did all the work. And the white men thought they could improve on a system like that!

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from poor judgment.

Love is like an onion,
You taste it with delight.
And when it's gone you wonder,
Whatever made you bite.

A Chicago actress entered a law-

yer's office and said: "I want a divorce."

"Certainly," said the lawyer. "For \$500 I will start proceedings."

"Nothing doing," retorted the actress. "I can have him shot for \$100."

Found among the classified ads: "ROOM for single man in exchange for light night duties." "PRIVATE ENTRANCE, share bath with one." "NEAR PARK, heated employed lady." "FINE VIEW, for discriminating couple with large bay window."

Reporter, to the City Editor: "Here's the perfect news story." City Ed.: "Man bites the dog?" Reporter: "No, this is even better—the bull threw the salesman."

The world may owe you a living but you have to work to collect it.



DESERT SPECIALTY — One of the Nevada resorts, seeking to draw tourists, sends along this picture of lady standing in front of a nice looking urn. The men do, but our lady readers don't like to use these kind of pictures, but think, ladies, it's better that the old man looks at this than the lady down the street, and you can't put blinders on him.



Children of deceased workers were given added protection by the 1950 amendments. Retained was the section providing for monthly cash payment to the minor children of deceased workers until they are 18 and to the mother of these children so long as they remain in her care. This particular section of the survivors insurance program has been quite effective in the past in holding the family unit together after the death of the father, in making it possible for the children to live with and be cared for by the one person who can best do the job—their mother. In addition to increasing the amount payable to these children, the 1950 amendments make payments possible if the working mother dies. Before 1950, if father and mother both worked and the mother died, only a lump sum could be paid to the widower, regardless of the existence of minor children. Now, monthly payments may be made for the minor children based on mother's wages if she had worked about 18 months of the last 36 months of her life.

Monthly payments can still be made to the aged parents of a deceased worker if there is no dependent widow, widower, or child, and the parents were at least 50 per cent dependent upon the worker at his or her death. A 25 per cent increase in the amount of these benefits was made by the 1950 amendments.

Other major changes brought about by the 1950 amendments include a substantial raise in the amount of each benefit; a raise from \$14.99 to \$50 per month in the allowable earnings under social security of all beneficiaries; provisions making it easier to become insured and entitled to benefits; credit for service in World War II; and, extension of coverage to many workers who were never before under social security.

Truly, as social security reaches maturity it becomes more and more the American way of providing for freedom from the fear of destitution in old age or family want in case of death. All benefits paid under the program are paid as a matter of right—paid because the worker and his employer, or the self-employed person bought this insurance by small contributions out of their wages or earned income.

The Social Security Administration announces that all Social Security offices will be open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 29, and Saturday, Jan. 5.

The two special Saturday openings of these offices will make up for their being closed the two Mondays preceding Christmas and New Years, in accordance with a Presidential proclamation. Your local social security office will, of course, be closed New Year's Day.

Teamsters Strike As Firm Lags In Buying Trucks

Akron (LPA).—An unusual dispute between AFL Teamsters and Roadway Express, Inc., forced the firm to halt operations Nov. 2 here and in Cleveland, Atlanta, Nashville and Memphis. When the drivers sought a pay increase last summer the company offered instead to buy from them the trucks which they owned and operated. Charging Roadway was using "delaying tactics" in purchasing the vehicles, the drivers struck, demanding more prompt payment or the operating pay increase.

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Bread and Butter Facts— Unemployment Points Up Flaws in Defense Program

By PETER HENLE, AFL Assistant Economist

The defense program is putting men out of work.

Even though our defense economy kept more people on the job in November 1951 than in any previous November in the nation's history, it has still caused a number of problems in many areas.

Textile and shoe workers in New England, clothing and building trades workers in New York City, auto workers in Detroit—these are some of the trouble spots where substantial unemployment has developed.

How does this happen?

Naturally, there is no single cause. In some cases—textiles, clothing and shoes, for example—high production last fall and winter (in the "scare buying" period) led to excessive inventories at high prices which consumers would not buy. The result: factory lay-offs and growing unemployment.

A newer type of unemployment can be more directly traced to the shortage of scarce metals. Let's take one typical case—the costume jewelry industry, of Providence.

Boosters for Providence call it

the "Jewelry Center of the World." Within 20 miles are normally employed 40,000 of the 50,000 workers in the costume jewelry industry. The chances are that the pin or brooch you may have bought for Christmas came from the Providence area.

The basic metal from which costume jewelry is made is brass, which, in turn, is a combination of copper and zinc, two of our scarcest metals. Since costume jewelry can hardly pass as an essential industry, it naturally has had a difficult time obtaining a sufficient supply of metals, despite a rigid conservation and substitution program the industry has adopted. At this writing, the industry is restricted to about 25 per cent of the brass it used during the first six months of 1950. But as of January 1952, an order of the National Production Administration reduces this to 10 per cent. Over 6,000 workers in the industry are already idle and it is estimated that the NPA order will mean lay-offs for an additional 10,000.

The AFL Intl. Jewelry Workers Union, as the chief union involved in the industry is very much concerned and has taken its case to Washington. As a result, a special task force including government, labor, and industry representatives has set to work on this problem.

What can be done?

One possibility is to persuade NPA to give the industry more metal. Yet relief of this type, no matter how deserved, would have to be only temporary, and might deprive more essential industries of needed metal.

The basic solution must be more defense work for the industry.

During the last war, the industry was able to convert 70 per cent of its production to a wide variety of war items. Thus far, in the present emergency, only 5 per cent of its production has been converted to defense. Although the industry has tried its best to obtain defense contracts, the relatively high costs of conversion have forced their bids too high.

Placing more defense work in the industry admittedly will not be easy. Half the firms employ fewer than 25 workers and obviously are best equipped to handle only smaller subcontracts.

So far, our production program and defense agencies have not stressed the necessity for seeing that defense work gets to these smaller industries hard hit by the shortages of scarce materials.

The government, through its procurement powers, has to make certain that its prime contracts are subcontracted to those industries and areas where the metal shortages have caused unemployment. Only if this is done will this problem be licked.



HONOR IBEW FOUNDER.—AFL Vice-Pres. Dan W. Tracy, president of the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, lays wreath on Washington, D.C., grave of Henry Miller, founder and first president of the union which has grown to be one of the nation's biggest and most influential in the past 60 years.

The Poor Pay Most

(AFL Release)

Workers and other small-income people pay higher taxes than rich persons.

Who says so?

The Wall Street Journal, the paper for businessmen and bankers.

Here's what The Wall Street Journal reported Nov. 28:

"Low income individuals get the stiffest percentage boosts in their 1951 federal income taxes.

"A single person with no dependents and a net income of \$800 for 1951 will pay Uncle Sam \$41 in taxes . . . 17.1 per cent more than he paid in 1950.

"A similar individual with a net income of \$10,000 will pay \$2486 for this year, only 12.9 per cent more than he paid in 1950, while an individual who earns \$1 million will pay \$872,000 in taxes, 9 per cent more than he paid in 1950.

"Next year . . . a single person with no dependents and \$800 of income will pay 25.7 per cent more than he paid for 1950.

"A similar individual with a \$10,000 net income will pay only 23.9 per cent more for 1952 than he paid for 1950, while an individual who earns \$1 million will pay 10 per cent more."

Profits in the British Brewing Industry fell from 17 million pounds in 1938-39 to 15 million pounds in 1949-50. Except for one year, profits are the lowest since 1935-36.

1 OUT OF 6 VICTIM OF CHRONIC ILLNESS

New York (LPA).—You don't need to just lie down and die if you become the one out of every six Americans who is a victim of chronic illness.

Chronic disease is America's No. 1 health problem and a program for dealing with it is outlined in "Something Can Be Done About Chronic Illness," a new pamphlet published jointly by the non-profit Public Affairs Committee of New York and the National Commission on Chronic Illness.

First of all, the pamphlet says, many chronic illnesses can be prevented. Rheumatic heart disease can be avoided by early and proper treatment of rheumatic fever which almost always strikes in early childhood. Chances of avoiding diabetes favor the person who is not overweight. Occupational diseases and chronic disability through accidents can often be prevented through simple health and safety measures.

HEALTH INVENTORY

Second, "finding chronic disease in its early, treatable stages would be no problem if everyone in the United States could and would go to his physician for a complete health inventory once or twice a year," the pamphlet says. Improvement and better use of mass tests to detect diseases, a program already in use in some cities, would be a great factor in prevention.

Treatment for chronic ailments has advanced greatly in the past generation. But while specific medicines have been discovered for some, such as diabetes and epilepsy, three out of every four hospital patients are victims of chronic illness and more than two-thirds of U. S. deaths have the same cause. In addition, a billion work-days are lost each year because of chronic diseases.

Special hospitals or hospital wings for patients needing long-

time care and rehabilitation programs to place able victims in suitable employment will go a long way toward solving these problems, the pamphlet pointed out.

Copies of the illustrated pamphlet are available for 25 cents each or at bulk rates from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 22 East 38th St., New York 16, N. Y.

End Price Controls, Requests C. of C.; Don't, Warns Johnston

Washington (LPA).—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce Nov. 29 called for immediate end of wage and price controls "in the public interest" while Eric Johnston, retiring as Economic Stabilizer, flatly disagreed. Johnston, four-time president of the C. of C., declared that any thought that the inflationary danger is over is "wishful thinking." The Committee for Economic Development urged direct controls be replaced by indirect controls as soon as possible. Meanwhile, wholesale food prices rose 3 cents in one week.

Peron Right Once

In Buenos Aires, Dictator Peron, who has suppressed all opposition newspapers and all independent newsmen's unions, pulled the newest totalitarian trick to justify his actions. He had his own newspaper, La Epoca, blame the "Yankee Press" for the world's illiteracy. According to the Dictator's reasoning the U. S. uses so much of the world's newsprint that there isn't enough left for a free press.

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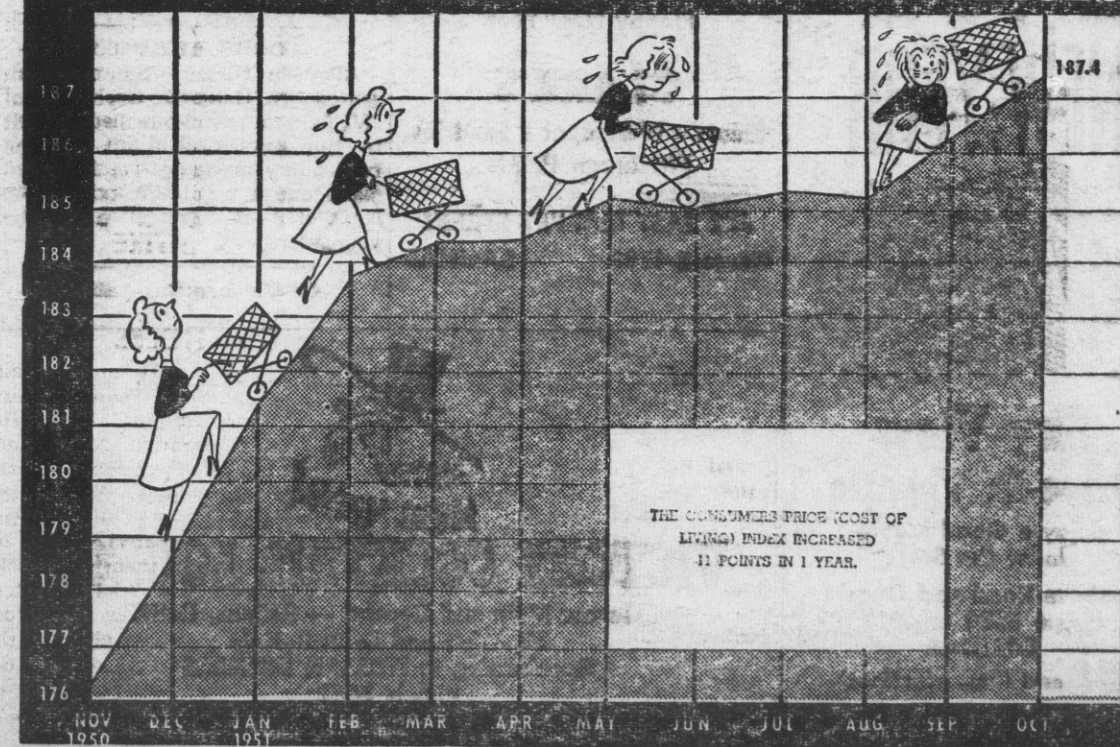
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Protestant Church Criticized: Fails in Labor Relations

Buck Hills Falls, Pa. (LPA)—The Protestant Church has drawn sharp criticism from one of its own ministers for its failure in the fields of labor and race relations.

Pointing to the South, which is rapidly becoming industrialized, Dr. Walter G. Muelder, dean of Boston School of Theology, said

the church is allowing a "historic opportunity" in labor relations to "slip through its fingers" there.

"If the labor movement of the future in the South becomes anti-church and anti-clerical and thoroughly secular, looking to its own power and business interests, the church will be partly responsible," Dr. Muelder told the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

The church has failed particularly in coal mining towns, because

it has not been "the church of the whole community," he said. The pastor's salary comes mostly from management which owns the church building as well as the miners' homes, he declared.

"Paternalism and company domination should be eliminated and the church become economically and socially the free expression of the cooperative efforts of all persons in each mining area," he said. "Company-owned houses should be made available for purchase by miners; company stores should be run as cooperatives; community councils should be formed for planning and directing community life, and racial segregation be eliminated where it occurs. The church should be a real community center."

On race relations, Dr. Muelder said "ministers and laymen alike, ministerial associations and councils of churches, have not adequately prepared themselves for the elimination of prejudice and segregation. While we fail in community strategy and Federal policy, the whole world takes note and intensifies its distrust of our nation."

Mourn Passing Of Hyman Langer

(State Fed. Release)

California labor was shocked this week by the sudden death of Hyman Langer, 49, Pacific Coast director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The veteran ILGWU leader died of a heart attack in his Los Angeles home last Sunday following a long series of operations.

Langer entered the garment trade as a cloak maker in Toronto at the age of 16. An active figure in the ILGWU, he became manager of the Toronto local of the cloak-makers in 1922, a post he held for more than 25 years. In 1949 Langer was appointed regional director of his international for the Ohio-Kentucky territory. President Dubinsky named him Pacific Coast director in October, 1950, following the death of his predecessor, Louis Levy.

At the time of his death, Langer was a member of the Executive Board of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the City of Hope, and chairman of the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Bro. Langer is survived by his widow, Leah, and Judith, a 12-year-old daughter.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California State Federation of Labor, expressed the sympathy of the state AFL movement in a wire to the bereaved family, which declared that "the labor movement and the nation have lost a great fighter for justice and humanity in the death of Hyman Langer."

The national ILGWU was represented at the funeral by Louis Stulberg, international vice president and a member of the general executive board.

DRIVE IN U.S. ON "SOCIALIZED MEDICINE" PUZZLES BRITISH M.D.

Toronto (LPA)—The wide use in the United States of the term "socialized medicine" is a puzzle to him, Dr. Fraser Brockington told the Health League of Canada. In Britain the health system is looked on as "social medicine," is not regarded as revolutionary, and one that fits logically into a long tradition, he said. He is professor of social and preventive medicine at Britain's University of Manchester.

Britain's problems are world problems, he said. "The world is a sick place and needs people to think of how to put it back on its feet. This is how you should think of this great experiment in medicine in England. We have tried to wed social problems with medicine, and that is why we call it social medicine."

Americans may be wrong in holding that what is needed in the health field is more and better hospitals, he continued. The ideal goal, he said, is a community that no longer needs hospitals. "We must no longer think solely in terms of curing disease," he said. Causes and "signs of disease in the community" must be watched closely, he declared.

COOKS AID BOYS

Alameda (LPA)—Santa, represented by Oakland-Cooks Local 288, paid an ahead-of-schedule visit to the Boys Club here, bearing two bulky packages—a full-sized piano and a regulation pool table. Next step—a music class for the youngsters.

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N.Y. AFL Seeks \$1 Minimum Pay, Hike In Unemp. Benefits

Albany, N. Y. (LPA)—A state-wide minimum wage of \$1 an hour and repeal of the Hughes-Brees "merit rating" unemployment insurance law will be sought by the State Federation of Labor when the New York legislature goes into session in January. The act, vigorously opposed by the AFL and CIO when it was passed at the 1951 session, permits reduction of an employer's contribution if his employment record has been good, and makes eligibility requirements for benefits stiffer.

Those were foremost among 88 legislative proposals endorsed by 200 delegates to the federations annual legislative conference and executive council meeting here. Others would increase unemployment benefits to \$36 from \$30, loosen requirements, provide extra allowances for dependents and extend coverage to firms with less than four employees. The federation also wants maximum work-

mens sickness disability benefits raised to \$36 weekly from the present \$32, pregnancy included as compensable under sickness disability and employee contributions eliminated.

Secretary-Treasurer Harold C. Hanover said the federation would

press for ending "undemocratic processes in the legislature."

Hanover charged representatives of large corporations had written the Hughes-Brees law, which unions attacked as favoring big employers and throwing the brunt of taxation on small firms.

Debate Cancelled; No One Will Speak In McCarthy's Favor

Milwaukee (LPA). — The city's Woman's Service Club cancelled a scheduled debate Nov. 12 because it was unable to get anyone to take the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved, that Senator Joseph McCarthy has performed an outstanding service to the American people."

Mrs. Allen B. Beverstock, chairman of the club's national affairs committee, said Attorney Henry Reuss had agreed to take the negative side. Since accepting, Reuss has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate. If nominated, he would run against McCarthy in 1952, if McCarthy wins the nomination.

Mrs. Beverstock said she asked Lloyd Tegge, chairman of the Wisconsin Young Republicans, to find someone to speak for McCarthy in the debate. She said Tegge told her he would find a speaker for a debate on some other subject, "but not on McCarthy."

Hawaiian Laundry To Stop Hampering AFL Teamsters Union

Honolulu, Hawaii (LPA). — The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Pacific Laundry Co., Ltd., to stop hampering organizing efforts of the AFL Teamsters' Union. The Board directed the company to cease "discouraging membership in the union" by threatening to demote or dismiss employees who sign Teamster membership cards and to stop questioning workers about their union activities. The laundry does an estimated \$400,000 business annually. Unfair labor practice charges against the company were filed by the Teamsters earlier this year.

Sees Bright Future For Construction In Western States

Enormous growth of the West provides the construction industry with the greatest opportunity in its history, John F. O'Connell, industrial relations director for Bechtel Corp., told delegates at the 33rd annual meeting of Northern California Chapter of the AGC held recently in San Francisco.

Agriculture is booming in the West and "there are signs of industrial growth everywhere," said O'Connell. He predicted the West's population would rise three times as fast as the national average in the next 10 years, with per capita income running higher than anywhere else.

"This rapid growth presents challenges to the western construction industry," he declared. "Not the least of these is the continuing need for sound labor-management relations." He said days lost by work stoppage are fewer here than anywhere in the U.S., and urged both labor and management to continue to work out their problems "thoughtfully and realistically during this difficult time of half-war, half-peace."

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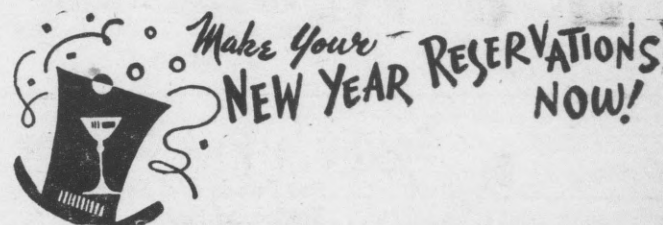
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Price of Food At New Peak

Washington, D. C.—A rise of more than one per cent between October 29 and November 15 brought retail food prices to a new peak, according to estimates by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Largest price increases were for fresh fruits and vegetables (7.8 percent), dairy products (2.2 percent), and lamb (1.5 percent).

The November 15 retail food price index estimate is 231.2 (1935-39-100), based on an eight-city survey. This is over one percent above October 29, nearly one percent above a month ago, and about 14 percent above June 15, 1950 (pre-Korea).

The fruit and vegetable group averaged 4.7 percent higher over the first half of November, almost wholly because of the 7.8 percent increase in prices of fresh produce. Largest price advances were for green beans (44 percent), cabbage (over 35 percent), carrots (21 percent), lettuce (18 percent), and potatoes and apples (10 percent). Dried fruits and vegetables averaged 0.6 percent higher, while canned and frozen items averaged 1.0 and 0.8 percent lower.

In the dairy products group, milk prices were higher by about four percent, cheese one percent, and butter one-half of one percent.

Fractional increases were reported for eggs, sugar and sweets, cereals and bakery products and beverages.

The meats, poultry, and fish group went down about 0.5 per-

cent from October 29 to November 15, as declines of 3.6 percent for pork and a small decrease for fish more than offset increases of 1.5 percent for lamb and 0.8 percent for chickens. Beef and veal average unchanged.

Govt. Aid Proposed For Workers Idled During Conversion

Washington (LPA)—Federal supplements to unemployment benefits paid workers laid off by industries converting to defense work were endorsed unanimously Dec. 6 by 200 state labor department and union officials from 40 states.

The officials, delegates to the 18th National Labor Law Conference, recommended that both the weekly amount and duration of the benefits be increased through Federal aid, because the benefits paid by states are "inadequate" and are cut off after a specified number of weeks.

The recommendation said the benefits should be continued as long as the laid-off worker is "available and willing to work." It was aimed particularly at Michigan, where 100,000 auto workers are idle while the industry prepares for defense production, and at similarly depressed areas in New England.

The conference for the first time in history endorsed unanimously what amounted to fair employment practices policies. It recommended the "recruitment" and "fullest utilization" of members of minority groups, older workers, women, and handicapped persons to meet the goals of the mobilization program. It urged that "diligent steps" be taken to "overcome habits of discrimination" against these groups.

Also for the first time, the conference endorsed "equal pay for comparable work" without regard to "sex, marital status, age, race, color, creed, or national origin."

Most Price Controls Illegally Set Up, Minnesota Says

Minneapolis (LPA).—Minnesota, insulted because the Office of Price Stabilization said the state-fixed liquor prices are too high, has asked a federal court to declare illegal nearly all price controls established by OPS.

Irving M. Frisch, Minnesota's assistant attorney general, contended all federal price controls have been set up illegally except those on autos, steel, iron and beef hides. "There is actually no federal regulation on liquor prices now in effect," he argued. "Our state law can't be in conflict with something that doesn't exist."

Big Biz Cleans Up On Defense

(AFL Release)

Detroit, Mich.—Hearings before a Congressional committee showed how big business has been cleaning up on government defense contracts.

A House expenditures subcommittee heard testimony here that: The government paid \$305,507,749 too much for auto, truck and tank parts in the last 3 years.

The Chrysler Corporation charged the army \$51.95 for an item that it bought for \$33.74 from a parts company. The item cost only \$23.24 to make.

Chrysler also bought another item for 21 cents from a parts manufacturer and then turned around and sold it to the army for 33 cents.

General Motors Corporation (GM) made a profit of 35.9 percent on auto parts sold to the army through its manufacturing or service divisions. On items GM sold directly to the army its profit was 5.7 percent.

Big business makes the big middleman profits because of a deal it has made with its subcontractors.

In the auto industry, the parts manufacturers either refuse to bid on army contracts or else bid way too high. In that way they make sure that their regular customers, parts distributors or the big auto companies, get the government contracts on their own terms.

KERR SCORES TAX LOBBY

Sen. Robert Kerr (D., Okla.) said that the State Council of Chambers of Commerce wants to shift the tax burden to workers.

"The State Council of Chambers of Commerce represents the 'special interests,' and the success or failure of its paid lobbyists in Washington is measured by just how much they can shift the burden of taxation to everybody else, except their members," wrote Kerr in a letter to Oklahoma voters.

"I am not in Washington just to secure discriminatory tax advantage for the members of the State Chambers of Commerce, as they seem to want.

"I didn't go there to be a stooge for the paid lobbyists of the State Chambers of Commerce. I shall continue to vote my convictions and represent the interests and need of the people of Oklahoma."

Nearly two million children were not in school last year because, in many cases, there were no schools available where they lived.

Secret Blueprint of Medics for Thought Control Revealed

Chicago (LPA).—A confidential report is being circulated among medical society officials as a blueprint for political action in the 1952 presidential campaign.

That's revealed in the December issue of "The Modern Hospital," a conservative publication which is highly regarded in the hospital, medical and medical school fields. Written by R. M. Cunningham, Jr., the editor, the article declares that the report, although unsigned, "suggests the fine hand of Whitaker and Baxter, the AMA's politically wise public relations virtuosos." Cunningham calls the report a "blue print for political thought control."

And whose side is the American Medical Association on? Well, the chief speakers at its recent Los Angeles meeting were Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) and Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.). The AMA ran big ads in the nation's papers calling on radio listeners everywhere to tune in on the Taft-Byrd broadcasts. The ads advertised that the two would have "an historic discussion" on "freedom versus socialization." The AMA revealed it has spent \$4.5 million in three years to defeat candidates favoring national health insurance, back reactionaries.

CLEAN, DIRTY HANDS

The Cunningham article describes "what happens when a clean-hands profession gets into a dirty-hands business," and discusses the confidential report on two 1949 campaigns. In the 26th Pennsylvania district, John P. Saylor, Republican, backed by the doctors and their odd allies, defeated Mrs. Robert L. Coffey, Democrat.

Colorado River AFL Contracts Signed by U.S.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Richard L. Searles approved a collective bargaining agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Colorado River Power Trades Council which give approximately 500 hourly bureau employees the same opportunity, within statutory limitations, that is open to privately employed workers to negotiate wages, working conditions and other employment details.

It is the second collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the bureau and its employees, a similar arrangement having been made with workers in the Columbia River District in Washington state last year. Both agreements will be extended automatically year by year.

In signing the agreement, Under Secretary Searles pointed out that the Department of the Interior had long recognized the importance of working closely with labor and had pioneered in the development of a collective bargaining program for government employees.

"Excellent labor agreements worked out at the great Northwest developments of Bonneville and Grand Coulee have proved conclusively that organized labor and units of government can cooperate together successfully," he said. "They also prove that when labor is made a full partner in economic enterprises it has much to contribute."

The Colorado River Power Trades Council represents the Bureau of Reclamation employees at Davis Dam and Phoenix, Ariz.; at Parker Dam, Calif., and the various sub-stations and appurtenant electrical generating and transmission facilities in Nevada, Arizona and California.

The council is composed of locals of 12 AFL metal trades and building trades unions.

In New York, the doctors backed John Foster Dulles against Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, and lost.

Although at other times the doctors have no use for chiropractors, osteopaths and optometrists, when it came to politics they embraced them as companions in "healing arts committees." They also took in dentists, druggists and patent-medicine companies. Big money was raised, hundreds of thousands of letters sent out, hundreds of thousands of telephone calls made; and doctors propagandized their patients, by personal talks, by posters in their offices, by letter and by radio.

HEALING AND HEELING

Cunningham declared that "healing and heeling don't go together," even if doctors in politics may be saying "that a good end justifies evil means." Some of the posters used in the two campaigns, reports Cunningham, "made sensitive doctors gag."

He demolished the argument that socialized medicine in Britain ruined the country, pointing out that even Churchill explained Britain's plight was due to loss of colonial wealth and world markets. He added that anyhow, "nothing even remotely resembling Britain's form of socialized medicine has been seriously proposed in the United States. Fighting fire with fire does not make untruths into truths."

The spot radio announcements, said Cunningham, "provide a neat example of the medical profession using the patent-medicine or snake-doctor sales technique."

Cunningham said the confidential report pointed that what was done in those two campaigns can be done elsewhere, and added: "During the year ahead, doctors and hospital people all over the country must decide whether or not they wish to take the place that is planned for them in this blueprint for political thought control."

Top Officers Are Re-elected to AFL Screen Guild Posts

Hollywood (LPA).—President Ronald Reagan and other top officers of the AFL Screen Actors Guild were re-elected at the annual membership meeting and immediately announced plans to seek extra pay for actors whose films are re-used on television.

Reagan said the extra pay was justified where films are used for multiple commercial purposes, and added the Guild would ask the studios to write it into the basic contract.

William Holden won re-election as first vice president by defeating Rob Roberts, 1122 to 178. Elected to new terms without opposition were: Walter Pidgeon, second vice president; John Lund, third vice president; Paul Harvey, recording secretary, and George Chandler, treasurer. The Guild reported a reserve fund of more than \$14,500—its first balance in three years.

The Guild presented Boris Karloff, founder of the Guild in 1933, with a gold life membership card in recognition of his long service as an organizer, director and officer of the organization.

Take pride in your union—insist on the "label" on all goods.

Big Biz In Classroom

The National Assn. of Manufacturers has been advised to step up its classroom propaganda program.

A. V. Bodine of Bridgeport, Conn., vice-chairman of the NAM educational advisory committee, recommended more propaganda for teachers and pupils alike in a report made Dec. 7 at the annual NAM convention in New York.

SUGGESTIONS

Among the suggestions for a "bigger and better" NAM school propaganda program were these:

Industry should give schools all kinds of propaganda material that can be used in classrooms.

Teachers and pupils should be taken on industrial tours.

Businessmen should speak at meetings of pupils and teachers.

Teachers should be given part-time jobs in industry so they would be more sympathetic to big business propaganda.

Businessmen should contribute more money to both private and tax-supported schools.

BUSINESSMEN EDUCATORS

More businessmen should be on educational committees, boards of education, and boards of trustees.

For years the NAM has been spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on propaganda to influence the thinking of teachers and even the youngest of school children.

But now many members of the NAM want to spend even more money on classroom propaganda.

Initiative Would Cut Public Funds To C. of C. Groups

(State Fed. Release)

An initiative currently being circulated throughout California for placement on the state ballot would prohibit appropriation or expenditure of public money to the California State Chamber of Commerce, any local chamber of commerce, County Supervisors Association, or any other private organization, which attempts to influence legislation.

The initiative was launched by George McClain, California pension figure, who charges that public grants to such bodies are being used to fight progressive legislation. Official title to the initiative has been granted by the State Attorney General's Office, and signatures are now being solicited by advocates of the measure.

The highest number of deaths by accidents in the United States during a single year was 99,579 in 1947.



THOSE "FRINGE" BENEFITS—This is some movie queen named Gibson. She benefits from the fringes, just like the boys do on a good union contract.

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BOOK TELLS WHY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN NEEDED

A novel showing the need for national health insurance has just been published.

It is "The Serpent-Wreathed Staff." The book was written by Alice Tisdale Hobart, author of "Oil for the Lamps of China."

Mrs. Hobart says she wrote the novel "to tell how in this best of all countries people like myself have not the money to seek out help when they are sick, of families in debt for years when catastrophic sickness hits."

"The rich can afford care. The poor are supposed to have it given to them."

"America's great middle class, courageous, independent, the backbone of democracy, is, strangely enough, the neglected part of the public."

The book tells the story of a doctor who fights for health insurance for the people of his city.

National health insurance is backed by the AFL. Under the health insurance program all people would be able to insure themselves at low cost against the high price of sickness.

Calif. AFL Gains 10c in November

(State Fed. Release)

An average increase of 10c per hour was obtained through collective bargaining for 58,000 AFL unionists in California during November. Both the amount of increase and the number of workers covered are lower than for several recent months of this year.

Settlements are reported regardless of their Wage Stabilization Board status. The decrease in employees covered apparently is due to the fact that many unions still are awaiting WSB approval of pay boosts.

Loose 108,885 Birds

A new record in the liberation of game birds in California has been achieved by the Department of Fish and Game. Since January 1, State game farms have released 108,885 birds.

The 11-month total already tops the previous annual record set in 1949, when 95,000 birds were planted in areas open to public hunting. Last year's 12-month total amounted to 93,000.

From 14 game farms and nearly 50 state-sponsored holding pens operated by cooperating sportsmen's groups, a total of 107,597 Chinese pheasants have been liberated. The balance of the 11-month total was composed of Reeves pheasants, Chukar partridges, and wild turkeys.

For a listening treat, hear Frank Edwards nightly at 10:15.

Addled Arithmetic

The lecturer was ranting on his favorite subject—the evils of tobacco.

"Carefully compiled statistics," he asserted, "demonstrate that every cigar a man smokes shortens his life by a week, and each cigarette by three days."

A man in the audience rose to inquire: "Are those statistics accurate?"

"Absolutely accurate, sir," declared the lecturer. "Why?"

"It's quite important to me," replied the man, "for if they're accurate, I've been dead some 287 years."

State Will Hold Min. Pay Hearings

(State Fed. Release)

The Industrial Welfare Commission last week announced that public hearings will be held in January relative to possible revision of state orders now regulating minimum wages, hours, and conditions of work for women and minors in California.

Hearings will be conducted Jan. 18 and 19 in the State Building, Los Angeles, and Jan. 25 and 26 in the State Building, San Francisco.

Wage board hearings for 10 specific occupations have been held in recent months under authority

of the state welfare body. Copies of the wage board findings may be obtained by writing the Industrial Welfare Commission general office, 965 Mission St., San Francisco.

The California State Federation of Labor will present a brief for revision at the January hearings. Unions interested in making additional presentations or filing pertinent information should immediately contact C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, Room 810, 995 Market St., San Francisco 3.

Go Union—Buy Label!

Injury Enroute to Home Compensable

(State Division Release)

A secretary took some of her employer's mail to a street mail box on her way home. In order to reach the nearest mail box she had to leave her customary route of travel long enough to cross the street, deposit the envelopes in the mail box, and make a second crossing of the intersecting streets to

return again to her regular route home. While making the second crossing she was struck by a passing automobile and severely injured.

The carrier challenged the Commission's award of compensation benefits on the ground that injuries while traveling to and from work are not compensable; that the employee's travel was occasioned by the employee's major purpose of going home, the mailing of her employer's mail being a minor mission incidental to the homeward trip.

In defense of the Commission's award it was argued that the employee was on a special errand for her employer during the time she was traveling to the mail box and until she had returned to her customary route home; that the major and minor purpose test has been supplanted by the rule that where an employee is combining his own business with that of his employer at substantially the same time, that no nice inquiry will be made as to which business he was actually engaged in at the time of injury; that the traffic hazard to which the employee was exposed on the particular route was occasioned by her employment.

The District Court of Appeals concurred in the Commission's decision by denying the carrier's petition for a writ of review.

Doubled Welfare Aid To Ships' Officers Erases Strike Threat

New York (LPA)—Doubling of contributions by steamship lines to the welfare fund of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots on Nov. 21 averted a strike of 12,000 deck officers on the East and Gulf Coasts. The new rate is 50c a day for each union member aboard ships under contract.

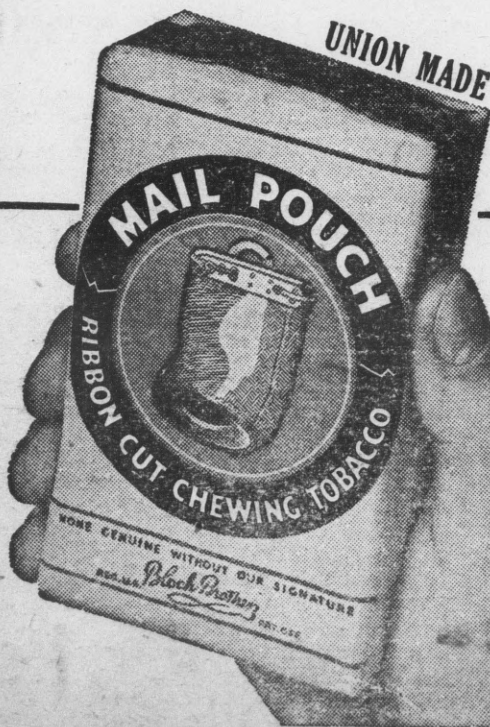
A walkout had been set for Nov. 2 but the union agreed to extend the negotiations because of the "already chaotic conditions" caused by the longshore strike. The contract, which includes wage increases and other benefits agreed to Oct. 2, was hailed by Capt. Charles F. May, union president, as "not matched anywhere in the world" and a recognition of the importance to the nation of American merchant ship officers.

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General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal St., Salinas

The Holiday Season is with us again—according to custom, it has become a sort of leveling season. Now we break through the veneer of formality and talk with, and laugh with, and drink with all people on a friendly and cheerful level.

To our friends, and brothers and sisters of Local 890, from this basis we wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS. We are wishing you the Season's Greetings not because you are members of Local 890 or because you are a part of the Teamsters International or because you have done or are doing such a splendid job with your union, but our well wishes to you are just an expression of fellowship from one worker to another.

All of us, the common people, have the same problems, confidences, joys and sorrows and the same inherent desire to live decent, secure and happy lives. To us, the homely things in life are the important things—our homes, our families and our kids. We all meet on a common level—that is why we are called the common people. We, the workers of the country, are indeed the common people and there are millions of us; and the nation can thank God for that because we are the folks who not only make the nation tick, but we keep it ticking.

Christmas is our holiday because 2000 years ago a Man walked the earth and preached life for His God and love for His fellow man. And that Man was a Man who worked with His hands—a Carpenter. He lived His faith and His creed throughout every moment of His inspirational life.

Somehow, since then, regardless of the teachings of the Man, this world has become quite complicated so we do our best with our lives and when Christmas comes around, we relax into our real selves and the cheer and good fellowship that we would like to have around us throughout the year abounds in plenty, and we are thankful that there is a season when it can be so.

We take time off from the daily drive and wish our fellow man good cheer and happiness. That is what we wish every member of Local 890, members of their families and their friends; and it is also our wish that the good cheer and happiness will thrive all through the years.

Through this little message we have tried to convey our personal greetings to each and every one of you individually.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS' UNION
LOCAL 890, A. F. OF L.

We terminate the year 1951 with a great deal of work before us. We have approximately 40 agreements open for wages, hours, and conditions; in the major instance open for wages only. We are at a loss to predict the future of our economic lives. There is no way upon which we can determine what wages we are entitled to, since the formula within Wage Stabilization permits certain increases only, but allows industry a great amount of latitude in setting its prices. We shall continue to fight for what we believe is right. So we ask that our members continue their militant attitude on the job and off the job. Defend your union—do not work with non-union people. Do not allow a brother or sister member to violate your contract. There are those amongst us who are more representative of the boss than they are of the union. We expect that all of us must produce more, but let us do it within the limits set forth within the contract. If we work overtime we want overtime pay. If we have grievances it should be reported. Attend all union meetings. Support your union. If you follow these examples you will continue to make progress in 1952.

Your secretary has been writing

the column off and on in this paper for many years. He has tried, with your help and the help of the officers of this union, to guide it up the proper road. Some time in January a letter will go forth to all of our members from your Secretary, Peter A. Andrade, with respect to a change which will take place on February 1. He will be leaving his office and has asked for a leave of absence which has been granted. Watch for a letter which will be mailed to each and every active member.

We wish to again remind our members and organized labor that P. V. Baking Co. is not under contract with the Teamsters Union and their wages, hours and conditions are not what members of the Teamsters Union are receiving. Drivers for P. V. Baking Co. are delivering from house to house and we ask that you refrain from patronizing them. Tell your friends.

REGISTER TO VOTE

We wish to advise all members in the bread division that the 8-hour day and 40-hour week is very much in effect. Fines will be instituted against drivers violating the 8-hour day.

BOY SCOUTS—Our Boy Scout Troop G, sponsored by the Teamsters Union, had their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 20.

We went to express our thanks to the 9439th Squadron, V.A.R., United Air Reserves, who have their office and quarters at 276 E. Elisal street; they very generously consented to let the Boy Scouts have their party in their hall. We also want to thank "Chuck," who has a lot at Sanborn Road and Alisal where he was selling his Christmas trees—Chuck donated the tree for the Boy Scout party.

Twenty-four Boy Scouts participated at the party where they received presents, etc., also Russ Abbott presented the fellows with a yearly Boy Scout button. Russ Abbott is our Scout Master who has worked along with the Boy Scout Troop 9 for several years.

Russ is going south for a few weeks or a month, but in his absence Pierre Richlin will act as assistant Scout Master.

The parents of the Boy Scouts were also present at the party—and we are sure everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the mothers for all their work in making preparations, bagging candy, and many other duties which they so successfully accomplished.

We wish that 1952 will be a very prosperous and successful year for our Teamsters' Boy Scout Troop No. 9.

REGISTER! VOTE!

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Regal Petroleum Co., 44 John St., Salinas; Les Thompson, 214 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Lamar Bros., E. Market and Monterey Sts., Salinas; J. C. Chitwood (Texaco), 739 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan and Monterey, Salinas; Harry Rhodes Service Station, John and Front Sts., Salinas; Johnny Nuovo's Associated Service Station, 298 Del Monte, Monterey; Sears Gas Station, Valley Center, Salinas; Firestone Stores, Monterey and E. San Luis, Salinas; Dale's Service Yourself, Monterey and Alisal Sts., Salinas; Salinas Truck Terminal, 101 Highway South, Salinas; Moschel Oil Co., 101 Highway South, Salinas; Sid & Lopez Station, 202 E. Market, Salinas; Don Hultz Tire Co., 303 Pajaro St., Salinas; Tom Wren (Norwalk), 555 W. Market, Salinas.

The following laundries and dry

Union Manned Sea Bees Are A Boon to Navy

By WM. J. BROWN
U. S. Navy Chief and Former Union Member

Since the first battalion was formed the backbone of the Seabees has been the labor unions. The skill and experience of the men in the unions has paid off. These men had families and homes, but they let their civilian tools lay, picked up the tools of the Navy and went to work.

At the peak of their strength they numbered a quarter of a million men. To be exact, 247,000. This vast pool of skilled manpower was made available through the unions. When the war was over these same men took up their civilian tools again. But these men at heart remained Seabees. That is the reason many have joined the Construction Battalion Reserve. This organization has been the ace in the hole of the Navy in this emergency. Many of our brothers are now overseas at this time. Again their skill has paid off.

Since the end of World War II, the Seabees have kept in training by maneuvers and by special task forces, such as operation high-jump, the Naval Antarctic expedition. The Amphibious Seabees have perfected the handling and operation of pontoons and causeways which they began during the war. They are still getting military training at the Seabee training center, Port Hueneme, Calif., and elsewhere, in line with the motto, "Construimus, Batuimus, 'We Build, We Fight'".

The Seabees have become a legend in their short lifetime. Their feats, marked by know-how and ingenuity, have aroused the admiration of all who have seen them in action.

Construction men interested in joining the standby Seabee reserve should inquire at their nearest Navy recruiting station.

Million a Year

What do the "generals" and "colonels" do while allegedly "operating" the railroads for Uncle Sam during the period of Army seizure? Victor Riesel, syndicated newspaper columnist, gave a pointed answer in an article the other day.

They "each open one telegram per day as their wartime tour of duty." And, as Riesel put it neatly, these telegrams "say, in effect, that no one has stolen the railroads, trains are running on time and the Navajos haven't captured the Super-Chief."

Basic cost of this paper operation to the taxpayers, he points out, is \$42,500 a month, or \$510,000 a year. Also he adds: "Since the colonels have cars, assistants, travel and other expenses, and the Pentagon must supervise the deadly paper work involved, it is estimated that at least another half million has been spent." In other words, he says, "the country is being 'railroaded' out of \$1 million a year."

cleaning establishments are UNION. Patronize these firms: Mission Linen Supply, 315 Kern St., Salinas; Salinas Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., 121 E. Gabilan St., Salinas; American Laundry, 28 Abbott St., Salinas; and Great Western Laundry, 27 Central Ave., Salinas.

Be sure to tune in your radio to station KDON, 1460 on your dial, every Monday at 8 p.m. for the Teamsters program.

Manufactured Milk: This group will be called to a meeting very soon regarding your 1952 contract.

Agreements with Raiter Canning, Hollister Canning, Fairview Canning, Dempsey-Hudson, Spiegle Foods and C. B. Gentry Company have been opened. Negotiations will progress in early 1952 with respect to the above.

Patronize these Merchants In Monterey County

Local 483 Reports



MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT TO ALL MEMBERS

President Robert Harrington of Culinary and Bartenders Union 483 has announced that he will resign this post at the first meeting in January. This meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 2, at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado street, Monterey. It is urgent that all members of Local 483 plan to attend the next two meetings for the selection of a new president.

At the Jan. 2 meeting, there will be benominations for a new president and also nominations for four new executive board members to be elected. The Jan. 2 meeting will be at 8:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, there will be the regular business meeting at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of accepting second nominations for officers and to have the actual balloting for the new officers.

Also on Wednesday, Jan. 16, there will be a special meeting at 8:30 p.m. for all members to see a new labor motion picture entitled "With These Hands." This film, in color and with sound, will tell the story of the history and progress of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Please note the meeting schedule for January:

January 2, 8:30 p.m.: First nominations for a new president and four executive board members, plus regular business.

January 16, 2:30 p.m.: Final nominations for president and executive board, followed by the election, plus regular business.

January 16, 8:30 p.m.: Special meeting at which the film, "With These Hands," will be shown.

ANNOUNCEMENT

As a special offering to members of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 during 1952, there will be four meetings each month, two each on the first and third Wednesdays. Meetings will be at 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each day, so that all members may attend.

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Starting with the January 16 meeting, motion pictures will be shown at all meetings, these full-length feature films to be of special interest to union members.

The officers and office staff of Local 483 wishes to take this means of wishing all members and our friends the best possible holiday season, with an added hope that 1952 turns out to be the most prosperous and healthful year for you all.

48 Workers Killed On Job in Calif. During September

Forty-eight fatalities were reported to the Division of Labor Statistics and Research during the month of September. This compares with 61 deaths in the previous month and 53 in September 1950.

Three members of an oil well drilling crew were burned to death in the explosion of escaping gas at a well head. The well, which had been shut down for some time, was being reopened and mud was being pumped into the well to displace the oil and gas.

Six workers met their death by electrocution in six separate accidents. Three of the workers were linemen who were electrocuted while working on poles. An apprentice electrician, who had been cleaning insulators on deenergized 16-KV reactors, was electrocuted when he started to clean an energized reactor. Another apprentice, who was working on a pole above live conductors, was killed when he fell across bare 480-volt wires on the pole. The sixth worker, a bulldozer operator in a lumbering operation, was killed when the boom of a log loader he was operating contacted a high-voltage wire.

A tractor operator on a farm was crushed to death while unhitching a plow from the tractor. His foot caught in the tractor's clutch, accidentally starting the tractor. His body then was caught between the upper track and the hydraulic cylinder arm.

Another tractor operator, working in a logging camp, was killed by a falling tree. The tractor operator had just backed away from a log he had moved for the choker setter when the fallers felled the tree.

DRIVER IS MAYOR
Minneapolis (LPA)—Harold Henry, member of the executive board of the Bakery and Drivers' Union, has been re-elected mayor of nearby Falcon Heights.

Tax Loopholes Let \$7 Billion Escape Payment to U.S.

Seven billion dollars more in taxes can be raised easily.

All Congress has to do is plug the loopholes in the soak-the-poor, spare-the-rich tax bill passed this year.

Loopholes are tricky provisions in the tax laws letting rich people and corporations escape their fair share of taxes. And when the rich fail to pay their fair share of taxes, you have to pay more than your fair share.

President Truman is planning to ask for more taxes when he delivers his annual State of the Union message to Congress in January.

Mr. Truman undoubtedly will ask Congress to plug these and other tax loopholes:

Two and a half billion dollars

can be raised by eliminating the split-income loophole. This is of real benefit only to people making more than \$10,000 a year, a mere 10 per cent of the population.

A billion dollars can be raised by repealing the tax benefits voted this year by Congress to people making more than \$5000 annually, only 20 per cent of the population.

Another billion dollars can be picked up by plugging the loopholes in the excess profits tax law.

Seven hundred and fifty million dollars can be had by closing the percentage depletion loophole through which big oil companies escape their fair share of taxes.

Another \$750 million can be raised by increasing federal taxes on large estates and gifts. You have to leave an estate of at least \$60,000 or give away \$30,000 in a year before you have to worry about federal estate and gift taxes.

Five hundred million dollars can be raised by increasing taxes on big corporations. The tax bill passed this year by Congress exempted profits made in the first three months of 1951, the most profitable period in history, from higher taxes.

Three hundred million dollars can be raised through withholding taxes on dividends, just as taxes are withheld from workers' pay. Rich people get almost all the dividends paid by corporations.

Ninety million dollars can be raised by increasing the capital gains tax. This tax helps only

those few making more than \$25,000 a year.

Ten million dollars can be raised by plugging a loophole opened this year by Congress for the owners of coal royalties.

If these 10 loopholes are plugged by Congress, another \$6.9 billion in taxes can be raised. And the rich would be paying their fair share of taxes.

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Moorhead for Congress Move Gaining Favor

Mention of the name of Earl A. Moorhead, widely known union official, as candidate for election as congressman from this district (now the 10th) has gained wide favor and supporters are rallying behind him.

Moorhead is executive secretary and business manager of Butchers

Anderson, who has served 12 years, will not run for re-election, Moorhead's avowed supporters have included a number of Republican party members, it was reported.

Moorhead has issued no statement in regard his possible candidacy. He has said, however, that it is permissible to quote him as saying his "hat is in the ring." His close friends say that he is laying plans now for an extensive campaign.

His support from the ranks of organized labor seems assured. A very short mention of his name as a possible candidate was printed in the Union Gazette recently. Letters from a member of his well wishers have come in, one of which is worth printing as it shows the pulse of the feeling.

S. P. Bowman, past president of Butchers Union 506, now retired and living in Saratoga, writes:

"I was very much pleased with the item in the Union Gazette that Earl A. Moorhead's name was being considered as a candidate in the next election to succeed Jack Anderson—and he will surely do it!

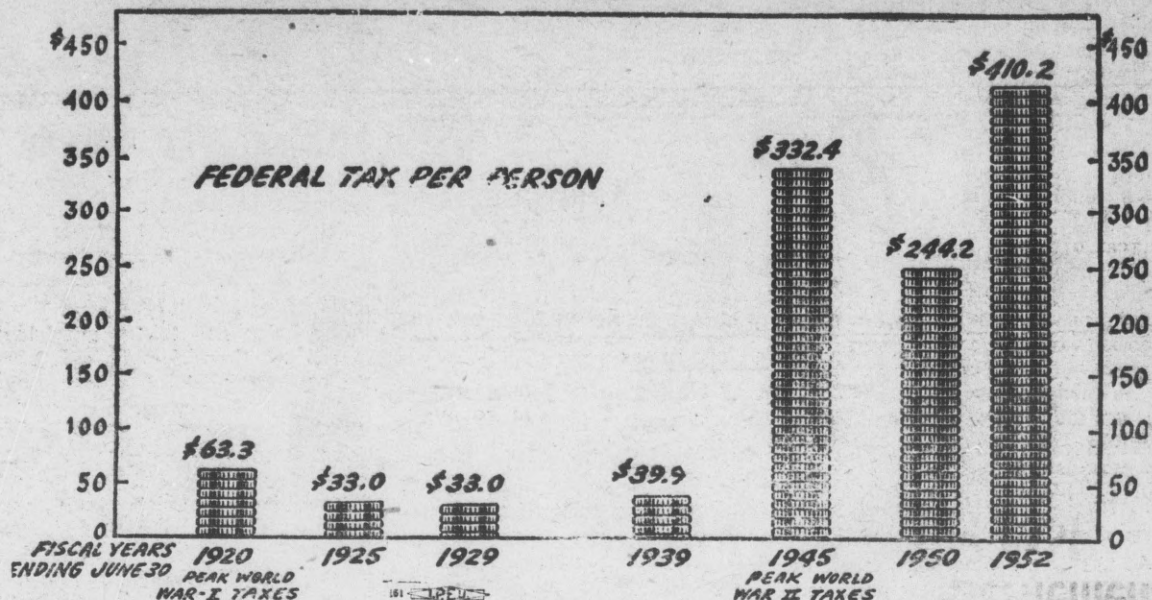
"Over a year ago I wrote a letter to Earl . . . telling him that he was the only man who could beat Anderson, and urged him to take it under serious consideration.

"As you so ably stated, Earl is well and favorably known in the Congressional district, both in labor circles and in business circles. He is known as an able executive, also as an educator. His integrity is without blemish. So here goes: Earl A. Moorhead for Congress!"

All Wives Cost

In Lagos, Nigeria, a Associated Press correspondent reported that Americans who are worried about the high cost of living now have sympathizers in Africa. A native in Nigeria, said the report, may have as many wives as he can afford. "However, brides cost 20 times as much as they once did, and complaints are being heard. Present costs include: Bride price \$31; fish and kola nuts \$9; sheep or cash equivalent, \$14; drummer and dancers \$28; fee for parents' consent \$30; services of oracle, \$5."

U.S. FEDERAL TAX BURDEN AT ALL TIME PEAK



FEDERAL TAXES AT ALL-TIME HIGH—Uncle Sam collects more money today for the "cold war" than he took from U. S. citizens at the height of

World War II. The average worker now pays more than a day's pay a week to the federal government, including income taxes and hidden taxes. (LPA)

Tax Gravy To Big Biz

The Defense Production Administration (DPA) has announced that businessmen have received tax handouts on more than \$10 billion worth of industrial plants.

DPA said that as of Nov. 23 a total of 4,732 tax handout certificates had been given out on plants costing \$10,490,497.

Under the tax handout program, businessmen can write off, for tax purposes, the cost of new plants in five years instead of the usual 20 to 25 years.

This means that the businessmen's taxes will be lower within the next five years when most other people's taxes will be higher.

Alaska Beer War

In Fairbanks, Alaska, AFL construction workers attracted by the promise of high-paying jobs, then hit by enormously high living costs, finally had their inning. A price war drove beer from \$6 a case to exactly nothing. The AFL men, victimized by exorbitant prices for months, did everything they could to encourage the war after one dealer cut his price to \$3.35—just what it cost for shipping from the states plus taxes. The unionists had a field day when the dealers started to give the beer away, and then, when the crowds got too thick, started delivery of the free beer to homes. Even the delivery was free.

AMA PRESIDENT CALLS FOR POLITICAL ACTION

Doctors have been urged to get ready for a big political campaign in 1952.

Dr. John Cline, president of the American Medical Association (AMA), called for political action by doctors in a speech on Dec. 4 before a meeting of the AMA House of Delegates in San Francisco.

"The experience of the past 3 years has taught us to distinguish between those figures in public life who adhere to American democratic principles and those who believe in socialistic ideas or will espouse them for political advantage," said Dr. Cline.

He added that "the next year will be one of important decision."

In 1950 the AMA spent \$1 million for newspaper ads and radio announcements telling people to vote for reactionaries and against progressive candidates for Congress.

The AMA opposes anyone who

supports a national health insurance program. Under the health plan people would be insured against the high costs of medical care.

LOW PAY, HIGH COST NEW YEAR

AFL President William Green predicted that the nation's workers in 1952 face "a squeeze between tight wage stabilization and continuously rising living costs."

In a year-end review for Sam Stavis, Washington Post reporter, Mr. Green said "the purchasing power of the wage dollar is bound to shrink still further unless decisive action is taken by the government to hold the line on living costs."

He said labor will do all in its power to put the defense production program over the top but that it will need help from Congress and the government in the form of a tighter anti-inflation effort.

He said the 1952 AFL program calls for "better tax, housing and social justice legislation—including health insurance and civil rights."

Mr. Green said that winning a part for labor in the defense production administration and creation of President Truman's National Advisory Board on Mobilization were among the major accomplishments for labor in 1951.

Unionist Wins \$36,500 Settlement In Loss of Foot

Beckley, W. Va. (LPA)—Thomas J. McDermitt, machinist for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad here, got \$1875 when he lost his left foot in a shop accident 29 years ago. Last April he lost his right foot in a similar accident—and has just been awarded 20 times as much—\$36,500.

In 1922, he settled directly with a company claim agent. In 1951 he had the services of the lawyer for his union, the International Association of Machinists.

The attorney, Howard Metzbaum of Cleveland, former Ohio state senator, cautioned rail machinists against letting "fear of losing your pass rights stampede you into hasty settlement. Don't rely on the generosity of the railroad to pay you in full for your injuries. Be safe, take up the case with our IAM chairman or committee. You'll be happier in the end."

Labor TV Program On Calif. Stations Each Week in '52

The California Machinists Non-Partisan Political League has announced that it will sponsor a 52-week dramatic-documentary series on television entitled "Without Fear."

The League, which represents the more than one hundred thousand members of the California Conference of the International Association of Machinists, will present the weekly half hour program in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

The program will be devoted to a documentary presentation of the important issues confronting the American people, and will utilize newsreel films, original dramatic sequences, original films, special effects, music, and other production elements designed to sustain a high quality level. Outstanding national figures will also participate in the program.

The 52 programs will originate in San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles.

The initial telecast of "Without Fear" will be seen in Los Angeles live Friday, January 11, 8:30 to 9 p.m. on KTTV (Channel 11). Film recordings of this program will follow on Monday night, January 14 on KFMB-TV (Channel 8), San Diego, 10 to 10:30 p.m.; and KGO-TV (Channel 7), San Francisco, Tuesday, January 15, 9:30 to 10 p.m.

The subject of the first show will be "Domestic Communism—What Is It; How Does It Work?"

Mangoes are helping to earn foreign exchange in India. Nearly 10,000 pounds have been dispatched within two months after the opening of the mango season.



EARL A. MOORHEAD
Executive Secretary-Business Manager Butchers Union 506

Union 506, which serves all of the congressional district, which includes Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. He also is secretary and business manager of the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County.

When his name was first mentioned as a possible candidate on the Democratic ticket, leaders of the Democratic party as well as union officials telephoned him to pledge support. Since announcement that Congressman Jack

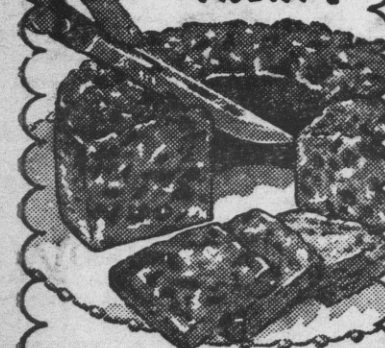
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